

Welcome to Mary Russell School

Dear Parent/Carer

We would like to take this opportunity in advance to give you a warm welcome to Mary Russell School!

We are sure that the normal concerns and questions that you may have regarding transitions are heightened during these difficult times. Therefore, we are writing to reassure you that our new pupils are very much part of our current plans and concerns at this time.

In the past few months, pastoral staff have been in ongoing dialogue with primary colleagues to discuss pupil needs. Whilst extended transitions and our 2-day transition programme will not take place, we have several plans underway to begin and strengthen our partnership with you and your child.

We are working hard in a variety of ways to make sure transition is as smooth as it can be for your son/daughter.

Mr Macfarlane (DHT – S1-S4)

Mary Russell School



Our School Vision

To be an inspirational place with happy, confident learners who thrive in our school to achieve their full potential.

Be all **WE** can be!

Be proud of who **WE** are!



Some of our Plans

■ Mrs Madigan (S1 Pastoral Support) and Mrs MacKenzie (P7/S1 Transition Teacher) will continue to gather all relevant information on your child's learning and ASN needs, in communication with primary colleagues.

■ Primary seven teachers will be asked to gather questions that you or your child would like answered. We will then send out a Frequently Asked Questions sheet.

■ A transition booklet will be sent home to allow your child to familiarise themselves with their new school.

■ Links to an online video providing a tour of the school and introducing staff will be provided in the next few weeks

■ A copy of the school handbook will be sent out providing some additional information (however, in these times some information and procedures will be open to change)

■ A virtual coffee morning, including a Q&A for parents in June with the Depute Head for S1-S4, Mr Macfarlane, and Mrs Madigan.

■ A new online S1 Transitions group will be set up through the Microsoft platform 'Teams' to allow pupils to meet and chat.

■ Mrs Madigan will call every family to introduce herself, offer guidance and give you a point of contact for the new school session 20-21.

■ Our website and Facebook feeds contain an abundance of information to allow you to discuss MRS with your child. We would request that you check our website on a regular basis for any updates. <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/maryrussell/>

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Our School Values

RESPECT
ACHIEVEMENT
CARE
TRUST
RESPONSIBILITY
CO-OPERATION